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RATINGS: **89 & ABOVE: SUPERIOR PLAY**
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LOUISIANA TECH 51 - San Jose State 7 - (2:00 EST) -- Line opened at LaTech minus 17, and is now minus 18. As our readers are well aware, we've been on this Bulldog squad in the host role for the past couple of seasons, & have been duly rewarded. This year, they have not only covered all 3 HGs, but by an average spread margin of 15 ppg. Their 3-8 straightup record is highly misleading, as they've covered their last 4 games, all vs teams which will play in bowls, while scoring 34, 35, & 28 pts in 3 of those matches. Spartans in off their only Div 1A win of the season, vs 3-9 NMexSt, by 3 pts in the final 0:34. Bulldog blowout!

RATING: LOUISIANA TECH 90

CONNECTICUT 34 - South Florida 17 - (8:00) -- Line opened at Connecticut minus 6½, and is now minus 7. The Huskies of UConn are another team whose record hardly reflects its true worth. Five losses by a combined 15 pts, & those all coming vs bowl squads, with names such as NoCaro, Pitt, WestVa, Rutgers, & Cincinnati. But the pressure is now off, as last week's win over Syracuse places them in the bowl eligible column. The Bulls of SoFlorida opened at 5-0, seemingly overcame the loss of their brilliant leader, QB Grothe, but that has gone by the boards, losing their last 2 RGs by a combined 72-14 score. Host series.

RATING: CONNECTICUT 89

BOISE STATE 66 - New Mexico State 0 - (3:00) -- Line opened at BoiseSt minus 45, and is now minus 46½. Sure, it seems ridiculous in backing a team laying such an astronomical amount of pts. However, the Broncos simply own the top scoring team in the nation, while the Ags check in with the absolute worst scoring offense in the land. Boise has reached the 6th spot in the nation, & another romping win could project them even higher. Led by QB Moore (**38 TD passes**), we would not be surprised if this spot is covered by intermission.

RATING: BOISE STATE 88

INDIANAPOLIS 27 - Tennessee 25 - (1:00) -- Line opened at Indianapolis minus 7½, and is now minus 7. The Colts have been nothing short of spectacular, not only in opening at a perfect 11-0, but in extending their regular season run to **20 straight**. A win here ties them for the all time such mark with the Patriots, who set the record beginning with the tail end of the '06 season, thru the first 2 games of '08. But this won't be easy, as the Titans are among the hottest teams in the NFL, having fully recovered from their disastrous 0-6 start. Young has recaptured his former magic, & RB Johnson seems unstoppable. This a barnburner.

RATING: TENNESSEE 89

Denver 27 - KANSAS CITY 13 - (1:00) -- Line opened at Denver minus 4, and is now minus 4½. As we wrote earlier, the demise of these Broncos may have been a bit premature. They seemed to confirm the notion that their quick start was a fluke, as that run was followed by a 4 game slide, in which they were stung for 169 pts. But last week's throttling of the Giants was just what was needed for a revitalized stretch run. And what better opponent in which to keep it going, than these Chiefs, who rank 30th in both total "O", & total "D"? The visitor has covered all 3 KC division games this year, & by a combined 55½ pts ATS.

RATING: DENVER 88

GREEN BAY 26 - Baltimore 17 - (8:35 Monday - ESPN) -- Line opened at GreenBay minus 3, and is still minus 3. The Packers couldn't have a much better setup than this one, as they not only have the advantage of an extra 3 days in which to prepare, but catch the Ravens off a pair of absolute draining efforts vs the Colts & Steelers, in games which were decided by 2 pts, & in OT. The Packers not only move the ball behind Rodgers, who has yet to receive his proper acclaim, but also own the NFL's 3rd ranked "D". Pack in bruising win.

RATING: GREEN BAY 88

NEAR CHOICES (Rated 87): Arizona, Texas, Ga Tech, -- NFL: Pittsburgh, Minnesota, New England

LINE MOVES (from largest to smallest): WestVa (Pick to -2½); CentMich (-10 to -12); Florida (-4 to -6); Boise (-45 to -46½); Cincy (+1½ to Pick); Fla-Atl (+1½ to Pick) **- NFL:** Houston (+3 to Pick); Cleve (+12½ to +11½); SanFran (+1 to Pick); Dallas (+1 to Pick) **- TIME CHANGES:** Oreg/OregSt: 9:00 **- NFL:** Viking/Card: 8:25; Pats/Dolphins: 1:00 **- KEY INJURIES:** Alabama RB Ingram (hip) probable; Arizona QB Foles (hand) prob, & RB Grigsby (shoulder) doubtful; Boise WR Pettis (ankle) out; Cal RB Best (concussion) doubtful; UConn LB Lloyd (ACL) out for season; Fresno RB Mathews (concussion) prob; GaTech QB Nesbitt (ankle) prob; OhioU QB Scott (ankle) ??, & WR Brazill (leg) ??; Rutgers WR Brown (ankle) prob; SanJoseSt QB Reed (finger) ??; SoCal RB McKnight (thigh) prob **- NFL:** Arizona QB Warner (head) ??; Atlanta QB Ryan (toe) doubtful, & RB Turner (ankle) ??; Carolina QB Delhomme (finger) ??, & RB Williams (ankle) prob; Cincinnati RB Benson (hip) prob; Denver RB Moreno (hand) ??, & WR Royal (thigh) ??; Indy DE Freeney (abdominal) ??; Giant QB Manning (foot) prob; Jet QB Sanchez (knee) prob; Philly WR Jackson (concussion) doubt; Pitt QB Roethlisberger (head) ??; Washington DT Haynesworth (ankle) ??...

NOTE: This is the final Red Sheet of the season. As you know, it has been a study in consistent success, & once again began that way. But the recent weeks have been an embarrassment. Sure, there have been a batch of contests which went sour in the final seconds, but no post mortems. But we always bounce back, & know that 2010 will be back to normal. We'll see you then. Thanks.